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Public Health

Strength and pay of Indian, English and Anglo-Indian nurses in hospitals in the Presidency.

* 1810 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Indian nurses employed in the hospitals in the Presidency;

(b) the number of English and Anglo-Indians; and

(c) the scales of pay for each?

A.—(a) & (b) 46 Indian, 58 European and 119 Anglo-Indian nurses are employed in Government hospitals in the Presidency.

(c) All fully qualified nurses whether European, Anglo-Indian or Indian, draw the same scale of pay, namely, Rs. 75—$2\frac{1}{2}$—125.

Agriculture

Fowl breeding in the Government Agricultural farms.

* 1811 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what effort has been made to introduce better breeds of fowls into the different parts of the presidency;

(b) how many eggs and birds of better breeds have been sold in or otherwise sent for the purpose of introducing and increasing the breeds in the Ceded districts and in the Bellary district;

(c) whether any of the Agricultural Departmental farms in the Ceded districts are keeping better breeds of fowls and whether they are selling eggs and birds;

(d) at what price the poultry section has been selling eggs and birds during the last two years for breeding purposes and for table purposes; and

(e) how many eggs have been produced; and how many have been sold in the last year?

A.—(a) Breeds of white Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds and Light Sussex are maintained at Coimbatore, and white Leghorns at Hosur. Birds and eggs are sold at a cheap rate for breeding One poultry demonstration centre has been opened in Perintalmanna, Malabar district, for the benefit of the Cherumas.

(b) None. Some students from these parts when leaving the college may have purchased some eggs and birds.

(c) No. The Agricultural Department have not taken up poultry as a main line of their work. Till more important matters have been adequately dealt with the department cannot take up poultry as a major proposition.

(d) The information is contained in the appended statement.[a]

(e) In 1927–28, 4,899 eggs were produced and 3,861 were sold. The figures for the current financial year up to February 1929 are 5,722 and 4,609, respectively.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 579 infra.